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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER (37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a))

Applicant in the above-identified application hereby petitions for a one-month extension of time to and including September 25, 2006 (September 23 being a Saturday) for responding to the Final Office Action mailed May 23, 2006. A response to the Office Action accompanies this Petition.

- [] A check in the amount of \$__.00 is enclosed herewith.
- [X] The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 50-1017 (Billing No. 209976.0023) as noted below. A duplicate copy is enclosed.
 - [X] Extension fee in the amount of \$120.00
 - [X] Any deficiencies or overpayments in the above-calculated fee.

Respectfully submitted,

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